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For: "CYSTEINE VARIANTS OF )  
GRANULOCYTE-MACROPHAGE )  
COLONY-STIMULATING FACTOR")  
(as amended)

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified patent application on the merits, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment. Please debit any deficiency in fees to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.